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1. Twelve trucks and eight prime movers towing four light and four heavy AT guns left the Krueger Kaserne in Schwerin (M 54/T 46) at about 9 a.m. on 19 March 1951. Each prime mover was occupied by 12 soldiers. A short time later 10 other trucks, each carrying about 25 soldiers, left the installation.

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                     Truck                      towing an AT gun of about 57 mm caliber, left the installation at about 11 a.m. Squads of soldiers received basic infantry drill in the barracks yard.

2. Gate guards at the Moltke Kaserne were tank troopers. Squads of soldiers received basic infantry training in the barracks yard. A T-34/85 tank and an SU-122 SP gun left the installation on 22 March. Motor vehicles observed in the billeting area

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3. The Adolf Hitler Kaserne was guarded by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Troops there were engaged in basic infantry training. No heavy weapons were observed. Motor vehicles observed at the installation

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4. Gate guards at the von Fritsch Kaserne wore black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. Telephone sections with telephone equipment left the installation. Motor vehicles observed in the billeting area

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5. Soldiers guarding the Hindenburg Kaserne wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 20 trucks were parked beside the garages at all times. Except for occasional close-order drill, no regular basic infantry training was observed in the billeting area. Motor vehicles

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observed at the installation. \*

6. At the beginning of March, a Major Timorshen (fnu) was identified with Engr Unit [redacted] in the Hindenburg Kaserne.

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7. [redacted]

8. Engr Unit [redacted] at the airfield of Schwerin-Gorries requested the issuance of building material for the reconditioning of four-story barracks building No 18. The central building of the airfield installation, which had been damaged by bombs, was earmarked for restoration. It was to be converted into AM quarters by 1 October 1951.

9. Construction work at Sternbuchholz was suddenly discontinued on 22 February and had not been resumed by 5 March. Reasons for this measure could not be determined.

10. The new chief of the Kech office had not arrived by 2 March. Captain Gerichev (fnu) was in charge of billeting equipment for Soviet troops. \*\*\*

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[redacted] Comment. [redacted]

The columns observed on 19 March, which carried a total of about 350 troops, may have belonged to an AT artillery or motorized rifle component of the 94th Sds Itz Rifle Div which conducted a field exercise at battalion or regimental level. The report further indicates that the elements of both the IX Rifle Corps and the 94th Sds Itz Rifle Div in Schwerin were still in the phase of basic training at squad level and, thus, below the general training standard of Soviet units in the Soviet Zone of Germany in March 1951.

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\*\*\* [redacted] Comment. [redacted]

A Soviet ammunition depot is located in Sternbuchholz, about 8 km southeast of Schwerin.

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